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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: ENRG, PK SUBJ: CALTEX OIL (PAKISTAN) LTD.

1. CALTEX GENERAL MANAGER IN KARACHI, FRED LEVENHAGEN, WROTE CHARGE SANDERHOFF ON SEPT. 7 EXPRESSING VERY SERIOUS CONCERN OVER GOP POLICIES AND FUTURE OF CALTEX IN PAKISTAN.

COPY SENT TO GORDON TIGER BUT PERTINENT EXCERPTS ARE QUOTED

BELOW FOR INFORMATION ADDRESSEES:

"...IN PARTICULAR I NEED TO KNOW, WITH NO EQUIVOCATIONS, WHETHER GOP WILL OR WILL NOT ALLOW CALTEX TO CONTINUE FUNCTION IN THE COUNTRY AS PROFIT-MAKING CORPORATION OR WHETHER GOVT. INTENDS FORCE US OUT.

"I HAVE ADVISED MY HDQS. IN N.Y. THAT THIS IS QUESTION OF HIGHEST PRIORITY AND SHOULD BE STRONGLY PROPOSED AS AGENDA ITEM DURING COMING TALKS BETWEEN PRES. NIXON AND PRIMIN BHUTTO. I HAVE ALSO RECOMMENDED THAT, IN ABSENCE OF STRONG SUPPORT FROM EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF USG, CONFIDENTIAL

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WE SHOULD SEEK CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT.

"I FIND IT ALMOST UNBELIEVABLE THAT OUR GOVT.
APPEARS CONSISTENTLY MORE RESPONSIVE TO REQUESTS FOR HELP FROM GOP THAN IT DOES TO REQUESTS TO HELP AMERICAN CORPORATIONS WHICH
PERFORM A VITAL ROLE WITHIN PAKISTAN'S ECONOMY
AND WHICH, IF ALLOWED TO MAKE REASONABLE REMITTABLE PROFITS, PLAY A WELCOME ROLE IN
AMERICA'S EFFORTS TO IMPROVE OUR BALANCE OF
PAYMENTS POSITION."

 $2. \ ACTION \ REQUESTED. \ PLEASE \ ADVISE \ DATE \ LEVENHAGEN \\ PROPOSES \ VISIT \ ISLAMABAD. SANDERHOFF$

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